





varied from 65 laks to a little over 8 laks, but a portion being refunded from the English Company, the actual amount paid from 44 laks to 54 laks annually. Also that most of the charges or accounts of telegrams come back to Government as telegram receipts should be deducted from the gross expenditure.

SMITA, 24th September.

A proclamation by the Governor-General, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him, by the Statutes 17 and 18 Victoria, states that His Excellency has taken Upper Burma into his immediate charge and command, with the signature and seal of the Secretary of State, and has placed Upper Burma under the Administration of the Chief Commissioner of Lower Burma, who shall henceforth be styled Chief Commissioner of Burma.

RANGOON, 24th September.

The Engineering Staff of the "Toungoo" Nyanng Railway Survey, employed in the surveying and levelling plan and estimates, have been ordered to leave for Upper Burma on the 10th proxime, so apparently the work is to be commenced at once.

Mr. Robert Gordon, Executive Engineer, goes to the rubies next week with Mr. Steer, junior, whose Syndicate is supposed to have got a lease of the mines.

#### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 18th October.

EXPORT CARGO.

Per steamship "Mystic" sailed on the 17th October.—For London—16,946 lbs. copper, 77,928 lbs. scented camphor, and 45,589 lbs. scented orange peels. For Hamburg—40,950 lbs. coal.

OPium.

Quotations are—  
New Malwa ..... \$520 per picul, slice of 3  
Old Malwa ..... \$540 per picul, slice of 3  
Older Malwa ..... \$550 per picul, slice of 3  
Pekin (New) ..... \$525 to \$532 per chest.  
Pekin (New) ..... \$564

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 3/24  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/24  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/24  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/24  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/24  
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight ..... 3/24

ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/05  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4/14

ON NEW YORK.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 78  
Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 79

ON BOMBAY.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 22/1  
Bank, on demand ..... 22/2  
ON CALCUTTA.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 22/1  
Bank, on demand ..... 22/2  
ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, at sight ..... 71  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 72

SHARES.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—163 per cent. premium  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—  
\$300 per share, ex div.

China Trade's Insurance Company's Shares—  
\$21 per share.

North China Insurance—The 300 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—The 116 per share.

Chingshi Insurance Company, Limited—\$180 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 148 per share.

China Marine Insurance Office, Limited—\$371 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—  
\$422 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—  
\$383 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—115 per cent. prem.

Hongkong, Canton, and Amoy Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$78 per cent. prem., also.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—  
Par. sellers.

China and Manilla Steamship Company, Limited—  
30 per cent. discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$45 per share, ex div.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$130 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$185 per share.

China Sure Refining Company, Limited—\$101 per share.

Lucon Sure Refining Company, Limited—\$53 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$40 per share, sales.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—  
\$30 per share, sellers.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—  
\$10 per share.

Punjor and Sungai Dur Samaritan Mining Company, Limited—\$22 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—The 18 per share.

Hongkong Hope Manufacturing Company, Limited—  
\$35 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited—  
\$30 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—6 per cent. premium.

Chinese Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan—  
3 per cent. premium.

#### HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From MESSRS. FALCON & CO.'S BUREAU)  
October 18th.

Barometer—94.9

Temperature—70° F.

Humidity—50,000

Wind—N.W.

Direction of wind—N.W.

Force of wind—3

Weather—Cloudy

Rain—0.00

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The Municipal Hall with a procession and band of drums, crackers and bombs being fired to proclaim the peace, while the Town Band struck up the Marches. The Chinese entered the Hall. At the conclusion of the exercises, the Chinese presented the ladies with bouquets.

Says the *N. C. Daily News*:—"We hear that it is believed in Tientsin that Mr. Donny has succeeded in making arrangements that will render his position in Seoul more satisfactory to him and his adherents. Li Hung-chang found himself obliged to give way somewhat, and to avoid compounding his difficulties, endeavored to get Hsu-yan-Millenhoff to resume his former position in Korea, but this offer was refused. It would have been accepted had the control of the Korean Customs been coupled with the post of adviser to the King of Korea, but fortunately, as most people will think, the Korean Customs is not Li Hung-chang's to give away. We can only hope that Mr. Donny has succeeded in making arrangements that will ensure his official good for Korea, and it will require great tact and firmness on his part to fill a post that to the public heathenish in its nature.

Possibly affairs at Seoul may run more smoothly with a less rash and offhanded Chinese Resident than Mr. Yuen, but the position and weakness of the Korean Government will always make the Court and country liable to be the scene of intrigues on the part of the Chinese. The Korean Government has been going on in Seoul, and the masses of the country are which Russia has been maneuvered to be casting on a harbour on the coast, no one can be surprised to hear that the United States are said to be paying more attention to affairs in Korea and that it is probable they would have something serious to say against the establishment of a European Power of a large place of interest. Probably the best course would be to have the Korean Government under protection formally or informally by the United States, a power that has no ambitions to serve on here, and that would act in the interests of peace and fair play to the country."

The *Daily News* says:—"Three fires occurred in and around the Settlement on the 12th inst. at the same hour. One was in Broadway at a factory, and in this case the damage was not serious. 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